

REMARKS

Applicant greatly appreciates the withdrawal of the previous rejections of the claims and the withdrawal of the restriction requirement. Applicant also appreciates the recognition of patentable subject matter in the present application and submits this response in an effort to place the application in condition for allowance.

Applicant hereby cancels claim 28 and adds new claims 38-40. Accordingly, claims 1-27 and 29-40 are pending in the present application.

Claims 18-27, 30-31, 33-34, and 37 stand rejected under 35 USC 103 for obviousness over U.S. Patent No. 5,889,567 to Swanson in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,729,245 to Gove et al.

Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection and urges allowance of the present application.

Referring to claim 18, the light valve recites limitations of previously pending claim 28 which was indicated by the Office to recite allowable subject matter. Applicant respectfully submits that claim 18 including the limitations of previously pending claim 28 is in condition for allowance and action to that end is respectfully requested.

The claims which depend from independent claim 18 are in condition for allowance for the reasons discussed above with respect to the independent claim as well as for their own respective features which are neither shown nor suggested by the cited art.

Applicant also hereby adds new claim 38 which includes the limitations of claims 18 and 29. New claim 38 is believed to be allowable in view of the indication in the Office Action that claim 29 recites allowable subject matter. Applicant respectfully requests allowance of claim 38 in the next Action.

Newly added claim 39 includes limitations of claim 36 indicated by the Office to recite allowable subject matter and also depends from claim 38 believed to be allowable for the above-mentioned reasons. Applicant respectfully requests allowance of claim 39 in the next Action.

Applicant also hereby adds new claim 40 which includes the limitations of claims 18 and 32. New claim 40 is believed to be allowable in view of the indication in the Office Action that claim 32 recites allowable subject matter.

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Applicant respectfully requests allowance of claim 40 in the next Action.

Applicant respectfully requests allowance of all pending claims.

The Examiner is requested to phone the undersigned if the Examiner believes such would facilitate prosecution of the present application. The undersigned is available for telephone consultation at any time during normal business hours (Pacific Time Zone).

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